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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): Fumito TAKEMOTO

For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM THEREFOR

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of sixty-four (64) pages
- Eight (8) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority based on Appl. No(s). 130526/2000 filed in Japan on April 28, 2000, 130601/2000 filed in Japan on April 28, 2000 and 130600/2000 filed in Japan on April 28, 2000.

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- Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
 Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- Preliminary Amendment
- Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- Other: _____
- Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

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- The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.
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